



**WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 2**

**Week beginning Monday 24 November 2014**

**Messages**

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December will be the deadline for our optional homework project. Many thanks to those parents who joined in the launch and worked alongside their children and others to create one of the ‘seven wonders of the world’! Please refer to the information in your child’s communication book for further details on this.
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December will be the year Two Showcase, this will be a chance for the children to show you their work and what they have learnt this term. Letters with more information will be going out soon.
- As the weather is getting colder, please ensure that all coats and jumpers are clearly labelled to ensure any misplaced items are returned to their rightful owners.
- Second Hand Uniform Sale  
After the success of our inaugural BISS Puxi 2nd Hand Uniform Sale we have scheduled our next event for Tuesday 2 December. Hopefully you were able to take the opportunity to recycle some school clothing for your child and we warmly appreciate your support. We would like to remind you that we welcome your on-going support to donate clothes that could possibly be sold at the next event – please bring any uniform items to be sold into the Parents Hub in Primary and you will receive further information about location and times closer to the event. Many thanks for your support!

**Literacy**

In the coming weeks we will be continuing our work on fantasy writing. The children will be focusing on identifying the features of fantasy texts and describing settings using interesting adjectives. They will be looking at the story The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe and how the story changes from the real world to a fantasy world.

**Phonics**

This week in phonics the children will be studying the following sounds or phases:

**Stingrays:** two syllable words

**Starfish:** oy, ir, ue and aw sounds

**Jellyfish:** h, b, f, ff

**Octopus:** practicing and revising alternative pronunciations

**Sharks:** alternative spellings air and v

**Pufferfish:** silent “w” and using punctuation ! and ?

**Maths**

This week in Maths we are continuing to look at division and multiplication. Here the children will be learning to divide numbers by sharing, grouping and repeated subtraction alongside practising their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

**Themed Learning - Buildings**

We are learning about different artists and architects from around the world. We have been experimenting with different mediums and materials to produce different pieces of art work. The children have also been comparing different architects and artists by looking at their similarities and differences.

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In Computing Science the children will learn to research and record information about the architects Hudec and Pei. They will learn to search using the internet, collect and record relevant information.

## **PSHCE**

The children will continue to learn how to work together. They will learn about what makes a good member of the team and how they can contribute in a group situation. We will continue to reinforce good manners and social graces.

## **Vocabulary**

**Literacy** – character, setting, adjective, problem, resolution, portal

**Maths**– multiplication, division, repeated addition, repeated subtraction, group, share, divide, multiply, remainder

**Humanities** – similarities, differences, opinion, expression, physical, human, map, grid reference.

**PSHCE** – Together, sharing, contribution, team work, manner, please, thank you.

**Computing Science**- browser, hyperlink, website address, worldwide web, collect, research, log on, log off, control, enter

## **Dutch**

Sinterklaas is in Shanghai! De pieten hebben al pepernoten naar de klas gebracht. We zitten dus elke les lekker te knabbelen. Naast dat we druk bezig zijn met het inoefenen van de /i/ en de /ie/, rijmen en woordenschat, zingen en dansen we heel wat af. We kijken ook naar de filmpjes van Dag Sinterklaasje met Bart Peters via You Tube. Deze filmpjes zijn gericht op de specifieke tradities en woorden die horen bij het sinterklaasfeest. Een aanrader om ook thuis op de Ipad te kijken!

## **Mandarin Y2MNDC1**

Topic: Christmas

Key Character: 节日/ holiday

Key Words: 圣诞帽 shengdan mao/ Christmas hat; 圣诞树 shengdan shu/ Christmas tree; 圣诞花 shengdan hua/ Christmas flower; 圣诞卡 shengdanka/ Christmas card

Key Sentences: 祝你圣诞快乐 Zhu ni shengdan kuaile! / Wish you a Merry Christmas!

Activities: Making a Christmas wish list by using the sentence pattern: “圣诞节我想要 Shengdan jie wo xiang yao..... / I would like to have.....for Christmas”

## **Mandarin Y2MNDC2**

Topic: Christmas

Core Characters: 圣诞节 shengdan jie/Christmas; 圣诞树 shengdan hua/Christmas tree; 圣诞花 shengdan hua/ Christmas flower; 圣诞老人 shengdan laoren/ Santa Clausel; 卡片 kapien/cards; 雪花 xuehua/ snowflakes

Core Sentences: 祝你圣诞快乐! Zhu ni shengdan kuaile/ Merry Christmas!

Activities: Learning Christmas song in Chinese

## **Mandarin Y2MNDC3**

Topic: Electrical appliances

Core Vocabulary: 冰箱 bingxiang/refrigerator; 洗衣机 xiyi ji/washing machine; 电视 dian shi/TV set; 灯 deng/lamp; 电脑 diannaoh/computer; 电话 dianhua/telephone

Core Sentence: 这是什么 zheshi shenme?/What is it? 这是 zhe shi ..... /This is ....

Activities: Making a craft- telephone

## **Mandarin Y2 MNDCN**

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本周开始学习《稀奇歌》，能认读儿歌中的汉字，会书写：奇、真、飞、机；并能组词。复习拼音，声母能与韵母进行熟练拼读。复习我们已经学过的笔画。